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ITALY-BULGARIA: Status of the Antonov Case

The new Italian Ambassador to Bulgaria [REDACTED] although his government will try Sergey Antonov—the Bulgarian implicated in the papal assassination attempt—he believes the evidence is too weak for a conviction. Other Italian officials also say that Antonov will be brought to trial, but they disagree among themselves about the outcome. Earlier this month Rome and Sofia exchanged ambassadors for the first time since Antonov's arrest in November 1982. [REDACTED]

Comment: The Ambassador's comments presumably reflect extensive briefings before his departure for Sofia, although the Foreign Ministry is not officially privy to the investigating magistrate's report. The magistrate believes the evidence against Antonov is solid, but other government officials question his objectivity in the case. Although the Antonov case remains a continuing irritant, the exchange of ambassadors reflects the desire of both countries to normalize relations. [REDACTED]

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